

from New Hampshire, he entered the army in 1832, and has been much active service. He combined the good qualities of an excellent commander, and the execution of our engagements, gallantly and successfully with his ship. In matters of command, Capt. Craven is a most valuable aid to a commander-in-chief, and it will not be to state here that the Flag Officer was surrounded by able and reliable commanders.

Next in rank comes Commander H. E. Bell, a native and an appointment from North Carolina. Commander Bell in the Fleet Captain of the squadron, and commanded the third or reserve division. Commander Bell is one of the old school officers. He entered the service in 1825, and has been thirty-seven years in the service. As an officer, he was one of his peculiar accomplishments, he was chosen to fit out the vessels purchased in New York in that line. He was very active, and deserves much credit for energy and ability. He is brave, generous, and a strict disciplinarian.

Commander Samuel Phillips Lee, commanding the Onondaga, is a Virginian, and entered the service in 1825. Commander Lee is a bold and intrepid officer, and fought his ship nobly. Constantly on the alert, he rendered much valuable service to the fleet in capturing prizes and destroying monitors and engines of war. Commander Lee is an estimable gentleman, a superior officer, and has been laurels for himself in the late fight.

Commander Malachuk Smith is a New Yorker, and commands the late wheel ship Mississippi. He entered the service in 1826, and has seen much sea service. The old Mississippi was beautifully handled in the fight, and he belongs the honor of crushing out the ram Merrimack.

Commander Charles S. Danks is from New Jersey, and entered the navy also in 1826. He was formerly one of the Baltimore Inspectors. Commander Danks commands the Onondaga, and after sinking the rebel steamer, he was a victim to the bullets of two iron-plated vessels. His gallantry on this occasion called forth the highest praise from his brother officers. His vessel went down with the Stars and Stripes at the masthead, and his battery was being worked until the gun carriages were almost entirely submerged. His conduct called forth the following letter from Flag Officer Farragut:

UNITED STATES SHIP HANCOCK, April 29, 1862.

One you will proceed to the North in the United States gunboat Onondaga, and upon your arrival, report in person to the honorable Secretary of the Navy, who will assign you to the duty of commanding the Onondaga. You will be more able to contend with your enemies and do justice to your own merits. With my pleasant regards, I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

Flag Officer Western Flag Officer Farragut.

To the Honorable Secretary of the Navy, Washington.

Commander John De Camp, of the Onondaga, is a native of New Jersey, and was appointed from Florida. He entered the service in 1827. Commander De Camp assumed command of the Onondaga, and relieved Commander Palmer, who, by the way, went down in the Rhode Island to gain take command of the Onondaga.

Commander De Camp's coolness and daring are remarkable features of his character, and the Onondaga moving down the river, he was the signal for the eyes of the fleet to watch him. He is one of the fighting men of the age, and justly claims the title of a hero.

Lieutenant Commanding C. B. Caldwell, of the Onondaga, is a native of Massachusetts, but received his appointment from Connecticut. He entered the service in 1833. His ship was handled beautifully. He was the first to get the chain barrier, and on the night previous to our advance his last duty was to see the barrier all clear.

He performed the hazardous duty well, and had hoped to go through with the fleet, but his vessel received a shot in her boiler and dropped down below the forts in a helpless condition.

Lieutenant Commanding N. B. Harrison, of the Onondaga, is a native of Virginia, and was appointed from Rhode Island in 1838. When these troubles broke out he could see that his path of duty lay in the Union cause, and he never flinched from his duty to the Union and the constitution.

His vessel was the first to be captured by the Onondaga. He carried his command on his back, being the first vessel past the forts and the first at Quantico.

The gallant bearing of Lieutenant Commanding Harrison has elicited the warmest commendations from the Flag Officer, Captain Bailey, and his brother officers.

Lieutenant Commanding Albert N. Smith, of the Onondaga, is a native of Maine, but was appointed from Massachusetts. He also entered the service in 1838. The Onondaga bore her part nobly, and was early at the goal.

Commander James Alden, of the Onondaga, is a native and an appointment from the State of Maine. He entered the service in 1828. As a commander and a social gentleman no man can be higher. His ship was a model in many particulars. The provisions on board to sustain the horrors of war were noticeable features, and to the various plans his crew are indebted for so much of life.

Commander Richard Walworth, of the Onondaga, is a native of Massachusetts, but was appointed from Virginia. He entered the service in 1831, and has been a native man in the service of his country. He had charge of the Ordnance Department for some time at the Washington Navy Yard. Commander Walworth is a polished gentleman, an excellent sailor, and his knowledge of ordnance made him peculiarly adapted to the command of the Onondaga.

Lieutenant Commanding Edward Donaldson, commanding the Onondaga, is a native of Maryland, from which State he received his appointment. He entered the service in 1835. His part in this engagement was brilliant, his vessel being the flag of Commander H. E. Bell.

Lieutenant Commanding Edward T. Nichols, of the Onondaga, is a native of Georgia. He entered the service in 1835. Lieutenant Nichols is a splendid and energetic officer. It was his misfortune to collide with one of the Onondaga's boats on the 24th, and he was unable to pass the forts. He did all that a man could do.

Lieutenant Commanding George M. Russell, of the Onondaga, is a native of New York, but an appointment from Ohio. He entered the service in 1830. He is a gentleman devoted to the interests of his country, and as all occasions were ready to do service for her. His vessel has always fought well, and she bears the marks of rough usage on the part of the enemy. Lieutenant Russell is a general favorite.

Lieutenant Commanding Pierce Crosby, of the Onondaga, is a native of Pennsylvania. He entered the service in 1838. Lieutenant Crosby is an officer of marked ability, and of indomitable energy. His part in this great action deserves great credit.

Lieutenant Commanding John H. Russell, of the Onondaga, is a native of Maryland, from which State he was appointed. He entered the service in 1841. While at Quantico he performed one of the finest exploits of the war, in the capture and destruction of the privateer Judith. Lieutenant Russell has one of the finest gunboats in the service, but, unfortunately, did not get by the forts on the morning of the 24th inst. His vessel ran into and sunk a boat. Lieutenant Russell is a brave and noble officer, and a general favorite in the squadron.

Lieutenant Commanding George H. Preble, of the Onondaga, ranks second in the list of lieutenant commanders. He is a native of Maine, and entered the service in 1836. He is a gallant and fearless officer. He had the good fortune to lose no men during the engagement.

Of the other officers engaged in this brilliant victory, an effort to do justice to their untiring and self-sacrificing efforts in bringing about such glorious results. No man failed or flinched from his duty on the other hand, as he seemed to strive each other in endeavors to add brilliancy to the affair. Such a number of excellent officers are seldom marshaled in a single fleet. The flag officer should be and is very proud of them, and their names will go down to posterity as the heroes of the age.

REBEL ACCOUNTS.

New Orleans Before Its Capture.

WHO TOOK THE REBEL OATH OF ALLEGIANCE?

From the New Orleans Daily True Delta, April 6.

Yesterday, between one and three o'clock, we visited the office of the Provost Marshal, in each of the four districts, for the purpose of ascertaining the number of citizens and aliens who have taken the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States. The following is the result of our inquiries:

First District—Citizens, native and adopted, 5,297.

Second District—Citizens, native and adopted, 7,508.

Third District—Citizens, native and adopted, 7,091.

Fourth District—Citizens, native and adopted, 2,324.

Total—22,226.

This shows the number of citizens and aliens who have taken the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States. It is interesting to note that the number of citizens and aliens who have taken the oath of allegiance to the Confederate States is 22,226, which is a large number for a city of this size.

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